

**RECEIVED  
CENTRAL FAX CENTER**

SEP 30 2004

**PATENT  
PDNO 10992481-1**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

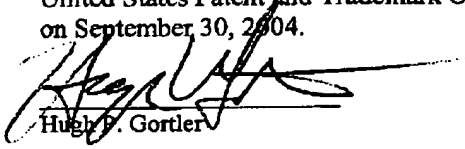
In re Application of: : Confirmation No. 3160  
Xuemei Zhang :  
Serial No. 09/945,094 : Examiner: N. Tran  
Filed: August 30, 2001 : Group Art Unit: 2615  
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR APPLYING TONE MAPPING  
FUNCTIONS TO COLOR IMAGES

Mail stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

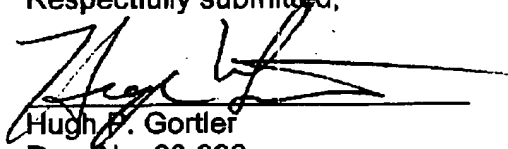
**AMENDMENT**

This amendment is being filed in response to the office action dated September 9, 2004. The amendment includes a section for amendments to the claims, and a section for remarks.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being  
facsimile transmitted to the  
United States Patent and Trademark Office  
on September 30, 2004.

  
Hugh P. Gortler

Respectfully submitted,

  
Hugh P. Gortler  
Reg. No. 33,890

Hewlett-Packard Company  
Intellectual Property Administration  
P.O. Box 272400  
Fort Collins, Colorado 80527-2400  
(949) 454-0898

Date: September 30, 2004